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1. Although the preliminary draft of a trade treaty between Argentina and Poland was completed as of 17 November, source reported that it might be another ten days before a final draft, agreeable to both parties, was signed.
Comment. According to a press release, a trade treaty was signed between Poland and Argentina on 7 December.)
2. The basis of the treaty is the exchange of 750,000 tons of Polish coal for Argentine hides, wool, lard, and quebracho extract. Poland is also asking Argentina for a quota of lead concentrates. Source believes that if Argentina grants this quota, the material will go eventually to the Soviets.
3. The Polish commercial mission has entered into a separate agreement with Cia. Argentina de Electricidad (CADE) to sell that organization 200,000 tons of Polish coal C.I.F. at Buenos Aires. The Argentine Government's purchasing agency, IAPI, will handle the regular 750,000 tons of coal covered in the treaty. The recently-formed Polish firm, RECOMIN, will handle transactions under the treaty for the Polish Government.
4. The method of payment in the Polish mission's deal with CADE has not been decided upon. The coal, according to the agreement, will be shipped to Argentina in the early part of 1949, but CADE is said to fear a delay in the actual delivery.
5. Dr. Stanislaw Gal, (true name believed to be Gutman) chief of the Polish mission, has become impatient over Argentina's stalling in the signing of the agreement, particularly since Gal has been ordered to Rome to straighten out the details of a Polish-Italian trade treaty previously negotiated by him.
6. Dr. Gal also is concerned over a report from the Soviet Embassy in Buenos Aires that Argentina and the United States are expected to solve their economic differences very soon and that Argentina will receive a large loan from the United States some time in December.

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